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September 29, 2009

Reward Offer – Robert Rodwell

On Wednesday morning, May 13, 2009, 28 year-old Robert Rodwell was shot and killed as he was pulling out of his driveway in the 1400 block of 105th Street in Athens, in Los Angeles County. Mr. Rodwell was with his wife when an assailant approached their car and shot him several times.

Mr. Rodwell, a long time resident of Athens, was a beloved drum instructor at George Washington Prep High School. Even more tragic was that Mr. Rodwell had just celebrated his daughter's seventh birthday.

This teacher was taken prematurely from his family, friends, students and colleagues. His daughter lost a father, and his students lost a teacher and mentor. The person or persons responsible for this crime must be caught and tried. No arrests have been made in this case, and so far no witness have come forward. Sheriff's Department representatives indicate that a reward offer would be helpful in solving this heinous murder, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to Rodwell's family.

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The Board of Supervisors authorized the offer of the reward on June 23, 2009 and the initial offer has expired. After consultation with the detectives from the Sheriff's Department, it was deemed to be helpful to the investigation to re-establish this reward offer.

I THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Re-establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 28 year-old Robert Rodwell, who was shot and killed on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in the 1400 block of 105th Street in Los Angeles County.

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